

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and remarks contained herein in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 5, 2004. Applicant respectfully submits that the Amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-30 were pending. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 11, 13, and 22, and added new claims 31-34. Support for the amendment to each of the claims can be found, for example, at page 9, paragraph [0027] and page 14, paragraph [0039] of the present application. Accordingly, claims 1-34 are now pending, of which claims 1, 6, 13, and 22 are independent claims. For the reasons stated below, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,524,081 to Paul ("Paul"). To the extent this ground of rejection might still be applied to claims presently pending in this application, it is respectfully traversed.

The present invention provides methods and systems for sending and processing an remote order from a customer. The remote order is sent from a transmitter to a receiver that is in communication with a business when the transmitter is within a receiving area of and detectable by the receiver. The claims have been amended to even more clearly distinguish the present invention over the prior art. Specially, amended independent claims 1, 6, and 13 now recite that the remote order comprises information associated with a type of vehicle from which the order is transmitted, and wherein the receiver is capable of transmitting a reply to the transmitter

reporting a status of the order. Similar features are also recited in amended independent claim 22.

Paul, however, fails to teach or suggest the above features as recited in amended claims 1, 6, 13, and 22. Paul discloses a golf information and management system that is used at a golf course and is able to locate a golf cart anywhere on the golf course. To do so, each golf cart has an antenna for receiving RF signals from satellites 2 so that the system can locate the location of the golf cart. See col. 5, lines 36-45. Furthermore, each golf cart includes a CPU which is pre-loaded with relevant information of the golf course and a screen for displaying the pre-loaded information, for example, map 29 of each hole, as described in col. 6, lines 61-67.

There is no teaching in Paul, however, that the order sent by a customer comprises information associated with a type of vehicle from which the order is transmitted, as recited in the amended claims. As Paul only discloses the transmitters in golf carts, there is no need to send information associated with a type of vehicle with the order and thereby facilitate a business employee's association of specific orders with specific vehicles. Furthermore, there is no teaching in Paul that the receiver is capable of transmitting a reply to the transmitter reporting a status of the order, as recited in the amended claims. For example, no where in Paul is it disclosed that a central office returns a reply reporting that the entire order or part of the order is not ready or cannot be processed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Paul fails to teach or to suggest every element of amended independent claims 1, 6, 13, and 22. As such, these claims are patentable

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over Paul. Similarly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-5, 7-12, 14-21, and 23-30 should be also patentable at least due to their dependencies from patentable independent claims.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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